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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION

**I. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Dear Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed on 09/25/2003; a Request for a two-month extension of time is filed herewith. Please amend the above-identified application as indicated below. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.